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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of  
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of September 1946

Refrigerator car loadings of fresh fruits and vegetables still continue at a record high level. In the Central and Western territories the demands for these cars are still heavy. Loading in California, the Pacific Northwest, Idaho and Colorado continues heavy and will increase in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Colorado through the balance of this month. Shortages are still being reported from California and a few other Midwest points, though a less amount than during the previous week. The AAR reports that while there was some improvement in the available car supply in these areas and in the Westbound movement of empties, the continued heavy loading in all areas has made it difficult to gain an edge on the deficiencies and make sufficient cars available in the heavy loading territories on the West Coast despite the persistent efforts East West Lines are making to expedite the movement of cars West.

The total quantity of truck crops commercially produced for fresh market shipment this year probably will exceed the record-large tonnage produced last year. Aggregate production in the first three quarters of 1946 is expected to be 7 per cent larger than production in the corresponding period last year, and 34 per cent above the 1935-44 average. Individual records have been set for cantaloups, honey dew melons, watermelons, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and spinach, also for the third time in four years we are producing a potato crop of more than 400 million bushels.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 95,818 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of September 1946, compared with the revised estimate of 79,183 cars in August 1946, and an increase of 10.2 per cent over the 86,920 cars shipped during September 1945.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during September 1946, have been estimated to reach 16,079 carloads. Those that will move in large volume are shown below:

North Pacific Region

Commodity	Estimated carloads		
	Washington	Oregon	Idaho
Apples	870	35	90
Carrots	-	-	100
Celery	50	110	-
Corn, green	-	95	-
Mixed Deciduous Fruits	250	-	-
Onions	60	970	1,115
Peaches	500	25	125
Pears	1,625	1,370	-
Plums & Prunes	400	545	1,850
Potatoes	1,590	1,120	3,000

In addition to the above estimated carload shipments, 174 carloads of other commodities are expected to originate in the North Pacific Region during September 1946.

The general commodities estimated to move in volume in carload lots in the South Pacific Region during September 1946, are listed below:

South Pacific Region

Commodity	Estimated carloads	
	California	
Apples	350	
Cantaloups	1,250	
Carrots	490	
Grapefruit	110	
Grapes	8,450	
Honey Dew Melons	1,850	
Lemons	1,500	
Lettuce	4,440	
Mixed Citrus Fruits	300	
Mixed Melons	395	
Mixed Vegetables	800	

South Pacific Region (Cont'd)

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>California</u>	
Onions	390	
Oranges & Satsumas	5,150	
Peaches	200	
Pears	1,700	
Peas, green	120	
Persian Melons	210	
Potatoes	2,400	
Tomatoes	1,150	

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to **originate** in Arizona during September 1946 will be practically **nil**. Shipments, other than those listed above, that are anticipated to originate in the South Pacific Region will aggregate 495 carloads.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region during September 1946, are shown below by States and commodities:

Southwestern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads			
	<u>Arkansas</u>	<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>New Mexico</u>	<u>Missouri</u>
Carrots	-	-	505	-
Sweetpotatoes	-	795	-	-
Apples	-	-	70	160

Shipments from this region, other than those listed above for September 1946 will total 593 carloads. Included in this number 145 carloads of cantaloups and 180 carloads of honey dew melons are expected to originate in Kansas.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during September 1946 follow:

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Grapefruit	-	410
Lemons	25	-
Mixed Citrus Fruits	-	25
Potatoes	350	-

Total estimated shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during September 1946 will approximate 13,305 carloads. Of this total 79.2 per cent will originate in Colorado and 17.4 per cent in Utah. The carload shipment to originate in these two States are listed below by commodities.

Rocky Mountain Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Utah</u>
Cantaloups	900	70
Carrots	-	130
Cauliflower	-	420
Celery	35	280
Cabbage	350	25
Lettuce	190	-
Mixed Vegetables	1,550	25
Onions	1,325	80
Peaches	2,215	560
Pears	60	135
Peas, green	270	20
Potatoes	3,600	275
Tomatoes	136	300



Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables expected to originate in the North Central Region during September 1946 are estimated to be 3,395. About 87 per cent of these movements are accounted for by potatoes. Principal shipments by States and commodities follow:

<u>North Central Region</u>					
Estimated carloads					
<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Iowa</u>	<u>Minnesota</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>North Dakota</u>	<u>South Dakota</u>
Beets	-	80	-	-	-
Cabbage	45	50	-	-	-
Onions	50	140	-	5	-
Potatoes	85	350	360	1,950	200
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	45	-	-	-

During the month of September 1946, the estimated carload shipments of fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southern Region will aggregate 2,105 carloads. About 84 per cent of these will originate in Virginia and will comprise the following: 1,390 cars of apples, 330 cars of sweetpotatoes, 30 cars of beans and 20 cars of potatoes. South Carolina will originate 100 cars of sweetpotatoes and North Carolina about 90 cars of apples.

September 1946 carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic States will be approximately 13,035. About 58 per cent of these carload movements will originate in New York State and 25 per cent in New Jersey. The balance will be distributed through the States of West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The principal movements are shown below.

<u>Middle Atlantic Region</u>				
Estimated carloads				
<u>Commodity</u>	<u>New York</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>West Virginia</u>
Apples	100	20	65	750
Carrots	120	-	-	-
Cauliflower	75	-	-	-
Celery	500	-	-	-
Cabbage	195	-	-	-
Cucumbers	190	-	-	-
Lettuce	130	-	-	-
Mixed Vegetables	150	-	-	-
Onions	400	-	-	-
Peaches	120	-	95	-
Pears	170	-	-	-
Potatoes	4,800	3,300	-	-
Spinach	65	-	-	-
Sweetpotatoes	85	-	-	-
Tomatoes	510	-	750	-

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Great Lakes Region in September 1946 will aggregate 7,550 carloads. The major movements are listed below by commodities and States:

<u>Great Lakes Region</u>					
Estimated carloads					
<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>
Apples	360	40	-	230	70
Celery	-	-	-	400	-
Cabbage	-	-	-	-	1,010
Cucumbers	-	-	-	45	-
Grapes	-	-	-	50	-
Onions	18	32	-	600	45
Peaches	-	-	-	1,200	-
Potatoes	28	-	-	155	1,200
Tomatoes	35	300	715	470	120

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region in September 1946 will approximate 5,650 carloads. These will consist principally of 5,000 carloads of potatoes from Maine, 175 carloads of cranberries from Massachusetts, 20 cars of apples from Connecticut, 30 cars from Maine and 75 cars from Massachusetts.

The general commodities to be moved in volume during September 1946 and the origin States are as follows:

Apples	Virginia, Washington, West Virginia
Cantaloups	Colorado, California
Carrots	California, New Mexico
Cauliflower	Colorado
Celery	New York, Michigan, Utah
Cabbage	Wisconsin, Colorado
Grapes	California
Honey Dew Melons	California
Lemons	California
Lettuce	California
Citrus	California
Mixed Melons	California
Mixed Vegetables	Colorado, California
Onions	Michigan, New York, Colorado, Nevada
Peaches	(Colorado, Michigan, California, Washington Utah)
Pears	Oregon, Washington, California
Peas, green	Colorado
Persian Melons	California
Plums & Prunes	California, Oregon, Washington
Potatoes	(Maine, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Colorado, Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington)
Sweetpotatoes	Louisiana, Virginia
Tomatoes	(California, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Utah)

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